

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:70
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2000
ADULTERATION OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether petrol pump owners throughout the country particularly in the capital are indulging in adulteration of petrol and diesel in connivance with the oil companies;
- (b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;
- (c) the number of petrol pumps selling adulterated petrol, identified so far, State-wise;
- (d) the number of guilty persons against whom action has been initiated during the last two years till date, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any steps to break the nexus between oil companies and petrol pump owners; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in respect of parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.70 for 27.7.2000 regarding adulteration of petrol and diesel

(a) to (f) :- Government have not received any report of alleged connivance of oil companies with petrol pumps owners indulging in adulteration of petrol and diesel throughout the country including the capital.

The Oil Marketing Companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (PDS), furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are undertaken by the oil companies.

The results of inspection carried out by the oil marketing companies at retail outlets during the last four years, the irregularities detected and action taken are given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

The results of inspection carried out at retail outlets and irregularities/malpractices detected during the last four years

1996-97 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

NO.OF INSPECTIONS 82834 76734 71824 80613
CONDUCTED/IRREGULARITIES/
MALPRACTICES DETECTED

1. Discrepancy in stock 85 75 45 101

2. Suspected product adulteration 146 185 255 442

3. Over charging 18 16 7 2

4. Unauthorised sale 3 6 6 6

5. Short delivery	221	232	167	272
6. Others	207	163	85	63

Total	680	677	565	886
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ACTION TAKEN

1. Termination	0	1	3	1
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2. Suspension of sales & supplies	373	435	366	563
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3. Explanation called for/Showcause notice or warning letters issued	247	204	121	297
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4. Fines imposed	50	35	123	0
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Total	670	675	613	861
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